

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A receiver for storing information associated with a digital broadcast protocol that comprises:

the receiver configured to receive a version number for a presently transmitted event information table transmitted in a transport stream of the digital broadcast that is different from a version number for a previously transmitted event information table; and

the receiver configured to receive a second identifier for the presently transmitted event information table, the second identifier being distinct from the version number of the presently transmitted event information table and having a value one of two values that is different from a value of the version number, wherein the second identifier having a first value indicates to the receiver that comprising identification information indicating whether contents of an event information table in a bit stream syntax are shifted or and the second identifier having a second value indicates to the receiver that contents of an event information in a bit stream are changed.

2. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, ~~for storing information that further comprises~~ wherein the receiver is configured to receive a version and packet identification number (PID) for each table, including the event information table, defined in a program and system information protocol (PSIP) for a digital broadcast.

3. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 1, ~~for storing information that further comprises~~ wherein the receiver is configured to receive the second identifier stored in a reserved field that includes at least one bit that indicates

~~at least one reserved field, wherein the identification information indicates, by allocating at least one bit of the reserved field, whether the contents of the event information table are shifted or changed.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 3, ~~for storing information~~ wherein the receiver is configured to receive the second identifier stored in the reserved field in thea master guide table that is situated in a "for_loop" statement in the bit stream syntax.

5. (Currently Amended) The receiver of claim 3, ~~for storing information~~ wherein when the receiver receives thea bit value isof "0" when the event information table is shifted, and when the receiver receives a bit value of "1" when the event information table is changed.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of broadcasting using a master guide table for a digital broadcast protocol, the method comprising:

(a) preparing, at a transmitting side, a present event information table comprising contents pertaining to a broadcast event;

(b) preparing, at the transmitting side, a master guide table for the digital broadcast protocol, the master guide table including a version number for the present event information table that is different from a version number for a previously transmitted event information table, and a second identifier of the present event information table, distinct from the version number of the present event information table and having a valueone of two values that is different from a value of the version number, the second identifier comprising a first value identification information which indicates whether the contents of the present event information table in a bit

stream syntax are shifted or a second value which indicates whether the contents of the present event information table in a bit stream syntax are changed;

(c) transmitting the master guide table and the present event information table to a receiving side;

(c) receiving, at the receiving side, the master guide table and the present event information table; and parsing ~~the identification information~~the second identifier and the present event information table; and

(d) selectively updating a database having parsed contents of the previous event information table with the parsed contents of the present event information table in accordance with the parsed ~~identification information~~second identifier.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the selective updating step (d) does not update the database with the parsed contents of the present event information table when ~~the parsed identification information~~the second identifier has the first value ~~indicates~~indicating that the present event information table is shifted in time, while updating the database with the parsed contents of the present event information table when ~~the parsed identification information~~the second identifier has the second value ~~indicates~~indicating that the present event information table is changed.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the ~~identification information~~ ~~comprises~~the second identifier is stored in at least one bit of a reserved field of the master guide table.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the bit has a value of 0 when the contents of the present event information table are shifted, and has a value of 1 when the contents of the present event information table are changed.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the transmitting step (c) comprises:
preparing at least one event information table based on the present time using event information;

allocating a program identification PID value and a version number for each event information table and including the identification informationsecond identifier in the bit stream of the master guide table (MGT); and

transmitting the master guide table to the receiving party after multiplexing the master guide table with an audio transport bit stream and a video transport bit stream.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the identification informationsecond identifier is includedstored in a reserved field of the master guide table.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the event information table is prepared for each channel, each table comprising an event title, an event start time and an event end time for the event, and an event caption.

13. (Currently Amended) In a digital television receiver, a method of providing an electronic program guide, comprising:

receiving a digital broadcast signal comprising a master guide table and an event information table; the master guide table comprising a version number for ~~an~~ a present event information table transmitted in a transport stream of the digital broadcast that is different from a version number for a previously transmitted sent event information table and a second identifier for the present event information, distinct from the version number for the present event information table and having a value~~one~~ of two values ~~that is different from a value of the version number, comprising~~ wherein a first value of the second identifier ~~identification~~ information which indicates whether the contents of the event information table in a bit stream syntax are shifted ~~or~~ and a second value of the second identifier indicates whether the contents of the event information table in a bit stream syntax are changed;

parsing the master guide table;

retrieving ~~identification information~~ the second identifier from the parsed master guide table indicating whether contents of the event information table are actually changed or only shifted; and

in accordance with the parsed ~~identification information~~ second identifier, parsing the event information table and selectively updating a database for the electronic program guide with the parsed contents of the event information.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the database is not updated with the parsed contents of the event information table when the parsed ~~identification information~~ second identifier indicates that the present event information table is shifted in time, while the database is updated with the parsed contents of the event information table when the parsed ~~identification information~~ second identifier indicates that the event information table is changed.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein retrieving the ~~identification information~~ ~~second identifier~~ comprises reading a value of a bit assigned in a reserved field in the master guide table.
16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the bit has a value of 0 when the contents of the present event information table are shifted, and has a value of 1 when the contents of the present event information table are changed.